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For: Method and Apparatus for Fine Frequency

Synchronization in Multi-Carrier Demodulation

**Systems** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the U.S. national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP98/02184, which has an International Filing Date of April 14, 1998. Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees, please amend the national stage application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the current specification comprising pages 1-40 and 48 (as amended in the International Preliminary Examination Report dated July 19, 2000) and replace it with the accompanying substitute specification.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report dated July 19, 2000, and substitute the following new claims 19-34:

18.

A method of performing a fine frequency synchronization compensating for a carrier frequency deviation from an oscillator frequency in a multi-carrier demodulation system of the type capable of carrying out a differential phase

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